

Kansas Noxious Weed Regulations

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Topics Covered

- Regulation Process
- Noxious Weed Regulations
 - Approved cost-share herbicides
 - Approval of supervisors
 - Bio-control
 - SL disaster area
 - Control plans

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Regulation Process

- Emergency Regulation – Temporary, only effective for 90 days
 - Only requires Secretary's signature
- Permanent Regulation – Goes through an approval process
 - Other government entities review and comment on proposed regulation



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Regulation Process

- Reviewers
 - Governor
 - Attorney General
 - Legislative hearing
 - Public hearing
 - You!
- 30 days after public hearing, Secretary can sign and proposed regulations become law



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Noxious Weed Regulations

- Service of Notices and statements (K.A.R. 4-8-13)
- Describes to whom notices should be served:
 - Landowner,
 - Agent or trusty,
 - Executor or guardian of the estate of a minor
 - One or several joint owners
 - One of several tenants in common

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- Service of Notices and statements (K.A.R. 4-8-13)
- How notices should be served:
 - Personal delivery
 - Certified mail
 - Weed director
 - County commissioner
 - Sheriff

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Noxious Weed Regulations

- Definitions (K.A.R. 4-8-14a)
 - Adopted by reference, similar to control regulations
 - Easier to update
 - List of herbicides approved by KDA for cost-share
 - Lists the active ingredient and chemical name
 - Reviewed every couple of years by KDA

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- KDA Approval of Weed Directors (K.A.R. 4-8-38)
 - Conditional approval
 - Requires employment by county as weed supervisor
 - High school diploma or equivalent,
 - Two years experience
 - Government, commercial or Ag production
 - May be substituted with education

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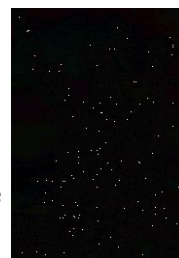
- KDA Approval of Weed Directors (K.A.R. 4-8-38)
 - Final approval is given when:
 - Obtained 9a certification as a pesticide applicator
 - Successfully completed basic school
 - Annual approvals
 - Currently employed, submit annual report (Feb 15th), management plan (June 1), and maintain 9a

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- Biological Control Plan (K.A.R. 4-8-41)
 - Established guidelines for bio-control alternative for musk thistle
 - Bio-control plan must be approved by weed director and KDA



Musk thistle

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- Biological Control Plan (K.A.R. 4-8-41)
 - Only Rhinocyllus conicus (Head Weevil) and Trichosirotulus horridus (Rosette Weevil) can be used
 - Musk thistle free border must be maintained
 - At least 150 ft wide, but can be wider based on several factors
 - Wind, shelter belts, slope, density of musk thistle and bio-control organisms



Musk thistle head weevil

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- Biological Control Plan (K.A.R. 4-8-41)
 - Herbicide treatments – Oct 1st through April 15th
 - No movement of hay unless inspected



Musk thistle damage



Musk thistle rosette weevil

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- Sericea Lespedeza Disaster Area (K.A.R. 4-8-43)
 - Identify counties with SL problem for possible federal help
 - SL is federally listed crop in SE US
 - Creates some competing interests nationally



Sericea lespedeza

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- Counties petition Secretary of Ag to declare disaster
 - Petition contains info on
 - Acreage of SL (public & private)
 - Expenditures to control SL
 - Plan to manage acres
 - Secretary considers
 - Percent of land infested
 - Percent of known acres treated
 - Exporter of hay
 - Mil levy
 - If infested area equals more then 2% of total area, private, or public land



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Noxious Weed Regulations

- Noxious Weed Control Practices (K.A.R 4-8-27 thru 4-8-42)
 - Adopted by reference
 - Source for information on NX weed control



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